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Re: Notice of Filing of Resolution of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council Docket No. E-01345A-08-0426

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed for filing the Original and Thirteen (13) copies of the Notice of Filing of Resolution of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council in the above-referenced matter on behalf of the Ak-Chin Indian Community.

I have this date mailed a copy of the enclosed to all parties as listed on the Certificate of Service.

I have also enclosed a copy of the Notice that I would request your conforming and returning to this office in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

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Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION COURP COMMISSION DOCKET CONTROL 2 KRISTIN K. MAYES 3 Chair **GARY PIERCE** Commissioner PAUL NEWMAN Commissioner 5 SANDRA D. KENNEDY Commissioner **BOB STUMP** 7 Commissioner 8 DOCKET NO. E-01345A-08-0426 9 IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE AND TRANSITION BY ARIZONA PUBLIC 10 SERVICE TO ELECTRICAL DISTRICT NO. 3 OF CERTAIN ELECTRICAL 11 **FACILITIES IN PINAL COUNTY** 12 PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 40-285(A) AND FOR DELETION FROM ITS CERTIFICATE 13 OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY CERTAIN AREAS OF PINAL COUNTY. 14 15 NOTICE OF FILING OF RESOLUTION OF THE 16 **AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL** 17 Ak-Chin Indian Community, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, hereby files the attached 18 Resolution of the Ak-Chin Indian Community Council dated March 3, 2010, as a Public Comment to 19 the above-captioned proceedings. 20 21 Respectfully submitted, 22 23 Strickland & Strickland, P.C. General Counsel Ak-Chin Indian Community 24 4400 East Broadway, Suite 700 25 Tucson, Arizona 85711

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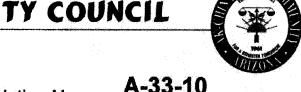
Dated at Tucson, Arizona this 24 day of March, 2010. 2 Original of the foregoing mailed this 26 M day of March, 2010 for filing to: 3 **Arizona Corporation Commission** Consumer Services Section 1200 West Washington Street 5 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 6 -and-7 Second Original and 13 copies of the foregoing mailed this 26 day of March 2010, for 8 filing with: 9 **Docket Control Arizona Corporation Commission** 10 1200 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007/ П 12 13 14 15 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 16 17 I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents on all parties of record in this proceeding by mailing a copy thereof, properly addressed with first class postage prepaid to the 18 following: 19 20 Janice Alward, Chief Counsel Legal Division 21 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street 22 Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2927 23 Thomas L. Murnaw Meghan H. Grabel 24 Arizona Public Service co. P.O. Box 53999 25 Phoenix, Arizona 85072-3999

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Resolution No.

RESOLUTION OF THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

(A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPROVAL BY THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TO SELL CERTAIN ELECTRICAL FACILITIES AND TO DELETE AREAS SERVED BY ELECTRICAL DISTRICT No. 3 OF PINAL COUNTY FROM ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (ACC DOCKET No. E-01345A-08-04226))

- WHEREAS, Electrical District No. 3 ("ED3") was formed in 1926 to provide electrical power and energy in Pinal County, acquired electric transmission and distribution facilities in 1961, and terminated its grant of a lease of those facilities to another utility and recovered operational control of its electrical system effective October 9, 2001; and
- WHEREAS, the Ak-Chin Indian Community recognizes ED3 as an important strategic partner in the area's development and as a reliable provider of electrical service to Pinal County area; and
- WHEREAS, ED3 has made significant investments in electrical infrastructure and operations capability and has undertaken substantial efforts over the period since October 9, 2001, when it reacquired operational control of its electrical system, to ensure the availability of adequate, safe, reliable and economical retail electric service to the greater Maricopa area at a time critical to the growth of the County; and
- WHEREAS, the interests of the Ak-Chin Indian Community in maintaining an adequate, safe, reliable and economical supply of electric service would best be served by consolidating electric utility operations in the greater Maricopa area in the hands of a single utility; and
- WHEREAS, the benefits to the citizens of the Ak-Chin Indian Community and surrounding areas that would result from the approval of the application of the Arizona Public Service Company now pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission in Docket No. E-1345A-08-0426 for authorization to sell certain of its facilities to ED3 and to delete areas served by ED3 from Arizona Public Service Company's certificate of convenience and necessity include, but are not limited to: (i) greater safety, efficiency, and reliability of retail electric service due to the elimination of overlapping

responsibilities between two utilities for maintenance and emergency response; and (ii) lower capital costs for the remaining utility due to the elimination of the risk of migration of load, which tend to result in lower rates to consumers.

WHEREAS, the Ak-Chin Council has previously expressed its support for the application in a conference call with staff and legal counsel for the Arizona Corporation Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ak-Chin Indian Community supports the application of the Arizona Public Service Company now pending before the Arizona Corporation Commission in Docket No. E-1345A-08-0426 for authorization to sell certain of its facilities to ED3 and to delete areas served by ED3 from its certificate of convenience and necessity, and urges the Commission to grant that application in all respects.

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Pursuant to authority in Article VIII, Section 1(a), (c), (d), and (m) of the Articles of Association of the Ak-Chin Indian Community, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 20, 1961, by a quorum of 4 members present at a Regular Council meeting held on March 3, 2010, at the Ak-Chin Reservation, Arizona, by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, and 1 absent, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

Couis J. Manuel, Jr. Chairman

Ak-Chin Indian Community Council

ATTEST:

Clarissa Mike, Secretary

Ak-Chin Indian Community Council